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Letter dated 2 April 2002 from the Secretary-General addressed to the President of the Security Council

I have the honour to refer to the United Nations Transitional Administration in East Timor (UNTAET), and to Security Council resolution 1392 (2002) requesting me to submit further specific proposals for a successor United Nations mission after independence.

It is my intention, subject to the Council's approval of the establishment of a successor mission to UNTAET, to appoint Kamalesh Sharma (India) as my Special Representative for East Timor and Head of that mission, with effect from 21 May 2002.

Mr. Sharma will succeed Sergio Vieira de Mello, who has served as my Special Representative and Transitional Administrator with great distinction. I would like to put on record my sincere appreciation for his exceptional leadership of UNTAET over the past two and a half years.

I should be grateful if you would bring this matter to the attention of the members of the Security Council.

(*Signed*) Kofi A. **Annan**

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